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| Applicant(s): | Richard L. Mueller, Jr. et al. |) | |
| Application No. | 10/602,173 |) | |
| Filed: | June 23, 2003 |) | Group Art Unit: 3738 |
| For: | ADJUSTABLE DILATOR ASSEMBLY |) | |
| Examiner: | Christopher D. Prone |) | Attorney Docket No. <u>ACU-125</u> |

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER RULE 111

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Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2006 on the above-identified application. Reconsideration of this application is requested. Kindly amend this application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this document.